

### ***Remarks***

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-19, and 21-33 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, 15, and 21 are amended. Claims 5, 12, 20, and 25 are cancelled without prejudice and disclaimer. In view of these amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims pending in the application are respectfully requested.

#### ***Rejections Under 35 USC § 102(e)***

Claims 1-4, 8-11, 15-19, 21-24, and 26-33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,073,109 to Flores et al. ("Flores"). Applicants have amended claims 1, 8, 15, and 21 to include the features similar to one of claims 5, 12, 20, and 25 thereby rendering the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) moot.

Dependent claims 2-4, 9-11, 16-19, 22-24, and 26-33 depend from and add additional features to one of independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 21. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of dependent claims 2-4, 9-11, 16-19, 22-24, and 26-33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is also moot.

#### ***Rejections Under 35 USC § 103(a)***

Claims 5-7, 12-14, 20, and 25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Flores in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,745,360 to Leone ("Leone").

Dependent claims 5, 12, 20, and 25 have been cancelled without prejudice and disclaimer. Applicants have incorporated features similar to one of claims 5, 12, 20, and 25 into independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 25. Applicants submit that claims 1, 8, 15, and 25 as amended are patentable over Flores in view of Leone as set forth below.

Claim 1 as amended includes the feature of "a markup language translator that translates the one or more non-markup language objects to representations of one or more markup language objects in order to enable said at least one user to execute said at least

one action notified by the workflow module.” At least this feature is not taught or suggested by Flores or Leone, alone or in combination with one another.

Flores apparently discloses a workflow-enabled system for facilitating business processes. However, Flores does not teach or suggest translating a non-markup language object in a workflow system to its representation of markup language object so that a user of a browser (markup language system) can execute a workflow action required for the translated non-markup language object using the browser. Leone apparently discloses a hypertext converter system that converts a non-HTML document to an HTML document. However, Leone does not teach or suggest a workflow system that enables a user to execute a workflow action required for the translated non-markup language object using the browser. Therefore, Leone does not provide any teaching or suggestion to make up for deficiencies of Flores. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over Flores or Leone, alone or in combination with one another.

Claims 8, 15, and 21 as amended include features similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that these claims are also patentable over Flores or Leone, alone or in combination with one another, for at least the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

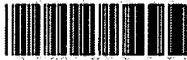
Dependent claims 6, 7, 13, and 14 depend from and add additional features to one of independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 21. Because Flores or Leone, alone or in combination with one another, do not teach or suggest each of the features recited in independent claims 1, 8, 15, and 21, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 6, 7, 13, and 14 are also patentable for at least the foregoing reasons.

## *Conclusion*

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Respectfully submitted,



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